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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated July 12, 2004 (hereinafter "Office Action") having a shortened statutory period of three months. This Office Action was initially designated final, however, as spelled out in an interview summary dated September 15, 2004, it was subsequently redesignated non-final. Applicant thanks both Examiners for taking the time to correct this premature designation. In response to the Office Action, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.